

Docket No.: 246678US3 CONT
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 62-122 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-61 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 62-122 having been added by way of the present Amendment.

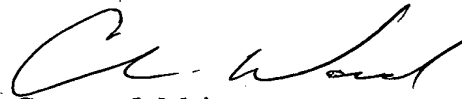
The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality and to remove discrepancies between the written description and the drawings. No new matter has been entered.

Newly added Claims 62-122 have clear support in the specification and originally filed claims of the present application. The Applicant submits that these claims are allowable as they recite features that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the references of record.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable consideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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